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Holiday Cut.. GLASS.



The sparkle and glitter of Cut Glass among the Xmas presents is bound to be appreciated. C. & M. Cut Glass has always been distinguished for its beauty and richness.

This season the news is more than normally interesting, for we have obtained, in addition to our splendidly varied regular assortment, many new pieces at extremely low prices.

A beautiful Cut Glass Bowl, only \$8.00. Flower Vases, with silver mountings, as low as 50c. Beautiful Cut Glass Bon-Bon Dishes, as low as \$2.75.

Art Pottery.

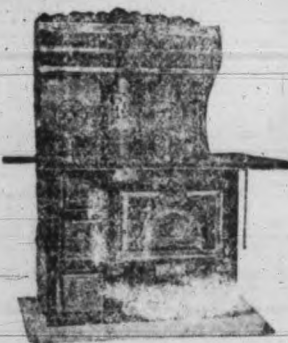
An adequate description of our beautiful collection of Art Pottery is well-nigh impossible. The most delicate finger of pottery in art is everywhere manifest. A visit to this department will well repay you.

Anything you may select will be laid aside for you. As there are only 9 more shopping days left, make your selections early.

STORE REMAINS OPEN EVENINGS.

Challoner & Mitchell

Albion Iron Works Co. LIMITED.



STOVE DEPT. TELEPHONE, 708

Having opened a showroom at 81 Douglas street, have now on view a large and varied assortment of

Ranges, Stoves, Heaters, Grates, etc.

All of which are manufactured in Victoria. When in need of a Range drop in and get prices before purchasing elsewhere.

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New Xmas Fruits

Re-Cleaned Currants, 3 lbs.,	25c
Seeded Raisins,	10c
Sultana Raisins, per lb.,	10c and 15c
Taylor's English Peel, 2 lb. pkgs.,	25c
Pop Corn, lb.,	10c
Whethey's Mince Meat, package,	10c
English Walnuts, soft shell, lb.,	25c
St. Augustine Wine, bottle,	50c

DIXIE H. ROSS & CO.,

CASH GROCERS,

Are not in the Grocers' Combine.

Stock-Taking Sale Wallpapers

To clear out before stocktaking this month.

J. W. MELLOR & CO., LIMITED, 78 FORT STREET.

White Middlings

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A CAR LOT OF WHITE'S AMERICAN MIDDINGS.

SYLVESTER FEED CO.,

TELEPHONE 413.

87 and 89 YATES STREET.

FAMOUS ATHLETE DEAD.

Hugh McKinnon, Who Won Over One Thousand Prizes, Passed Away at Dawson.

(Associated Press.)

Seattle, Dec. 14.—Hugh McKinnon, once a famous athlete, is dead at Dawson. For the last two years he had been chief officer in the Yukon to prevent the

establishment of illicit distilleries and the smuggling of liquor into the territory.

From 1874 to 1879, McKinnon held the heavy weight championship as an all-round athlete in the United States and Canada. He was awarded more than a thousand prizes by clubs, the Philadelphia Centennial and the European sweepstakes. He retired in 1879 undefeated. McKinnon was born in Ontario in 1842. He was a giant in stature.

LAWYER FURTHER CROSS-EXAMINED

PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL KEEPS UP HIS FIRE**E. V. Bodwell Resumes His Questioning of California Attorney—Developments This Morning.**

The cross-examination of Mr. Wilson, the California attorney, by E. V. Bodwell, K. C., was resumed when the Hopper-Dunsinuir will case was called in the Supreme court this morning. The room was crowded with spectators.

In his cross-examination witness said that during the negotiations with Mrs. Dunsinuir after the death of her husband, he believed she would live four or five years. Mrs. Hopper didn't tell him that the doctors had said her mother wouldn't live for more than two years. James Dunsinuir voluntarily gave Mrs. Dunsinuir \$24,000 a year, of which she was assured for four or five years in his opinion. The lump sum of \$40,000 or \$50,000, which she sought was in addition to this allowance. James Dunsinuir increased the allowance to \$25,000 per year, but would give nothing else except the assurance that after the debt was paid in two years—she should have half the profits of the California business. If Mr. Dunsinuir thought Mrs. Dunsinuir would only live two years this clause would be useless.

Witness advised Mrs. Dunsinuir not to sign anything when she came north, in probating the will he acted for James Dunsinuir in the latter's capacity as executor. Had the will been contested witness would not have appeared in the case for Mrs. Dunsinuir, because he had represented Mr. Dunsinuir in having the will probated.

Counsel wanted to know if witness's discussion with Mrs. Dunsinuir, when they considered the advisability of attacking the will, was not calculated to dissuade her from contesting it. Witness replied that they were generally discussing the various phases of the matter. The will was sent to his firm for probate by James Dunsinuir at Mrs. Dunsinuir's request. James Dunsinuir knew that witness's firm would give their best services to Mrs. Dunsinuir, whose rights they were protecting.

"Yes, but you had accepted a retainer from Mr. Dunsinuir," pursued counsel.

"We only acted for him in his official capacity," replied the witness.

Counsel: "And yet you advised Mrs. Dunsinuir as to her rights in regard to that will. Is that your idea of professional conduct?"

Continuing, the witness said that he was satisfied from conversations with Mrs. Dunsinuir that Alexander Dunsinuir was perfectly sane.

Counsel pressed the witness closely in regard to his conversation with Mrs. Dunsinuir, laying particular stress on Wilson's statement that James Dunsinuir was Premier and a powerful man in British Columbia and would be difficult to beat. Counsel asked why the name of Mr. Dunsinuir as Premier was introduced into this conversation.

The witness replied that he had done so because Mr. Dunsinuir happened to be Premier and being on his own ground would be harder to beat.

Counsel: "Didn't you suggest that Jas. Dunsinuir, because he was Premier, could get more consideration in a British Columbia court than the humblest citizen?"

Witness disclaimed making a suggestion of this kind. In their negotiations his firm did nothing which could be considered unprofessional. They were only acting for Mr. Dunsinuir in his official capacity as executor of the will.

Counsel: "Well then, what is Mr. Dunsinuir in his personal capacity like?"

Witness: "Oh, you know him better than I."

Counsel: "I don't know that I do. I am asking you."

Witness did not advise Mr. Dunsinuir to consult some independent person. He could not say whether he told Mrs. Dunsinuir that James Dunsinuir had said that if she attacked the will he would take the business away from California. He did not know whether Mr. Dunsinuir told him that he couldn't remember.

In reply to further questions, witness said he tried to get all the information he could in regard to the matter from James Dunsinuir.

Counsel: "Then as counsel for James Dunsinuir in his official capacity you were pumping him for information which you could use in an attack on the will? Is that another of your ideas of professional conduct?"

Witness: "I didn't pump him. I tried to get information from everybody. I was protecting the interests of my client, as I always do."

Witness admitted that when he referred to the possibility of the will of Alex. Dunsinuir being attacked that he meant more than that which ordinarily was understood in a will being open to attack.

He first heard of the will in February, after the funeral of Alex. Dunsinuir. Mrs. Dunsinuir said then that she did not know the contents of it. He knew of her death in June. It was after full consideration with his firm that Mrs. Dunsinuir decided not to contest the will, taking into account her own good name, the memory of her husband, his health and all the attendant circumstances. Mrs. Dunsinuir came to this conclusion after considering all these. He made

the final decision, but he could not say just what the date was. It was during the conversations that she had with his firm that she came to this consideration. She always showed an aversion to contesting the will and keeping out of litigation.

Mrs. Dunsinuir did not come to San Francisco to the best of his knowledge determined to contest the will.

With reference to the books composing the extensive library which were willed to the son of the witness, Mr. Wilson said that the books were involved at \$6,000. They were supposed to be worth \$10,000. She bought these books because she fell into the hands of the most celebrated book agent in the world.

Witness volunteered the statement that one reason why Mrs. Dunsinuir was short of money was because she said she had to pay Mrs. Hopper's debts.

Mr. Bodwell was not slow to take advantage of this and call attention to the fact that witness was anxious to say anything he could which would be derogatory to Mrs. Hopper.

Being cross-examined as to the relations between the Hopper Dunsinuir & Sons Company, in which Mrs. Dunsinuir was interested, and the Victoria firm, the witness said that he came to know that \$300,000 was owed by the Victoria firm to the California business. He was given to understand that this would be wiped out in about two years. He did not insert a clause to this effect in the will, as Mrs. Dunsinuir he considered knew the business relations well.

He had understood that the business would yield about \$1,000 a month.

In December, 1900, when the agreement was entered into, Mrs. Dunsinuir, he thought, told him that she was going back to New York to undergo a further operation. He did not get an idea from anyone that Mrs. Dunsinuir's life was destined to be a short one. Mrs. Hopper never at any time told him that her mother's life was despaired of. He had never got an impression that she would not live for five or six years.

He was surprised that she died on a boat about six months after the agreement was signed.

James Dunsinuir was a hard man to get to sign the document. He agreed to do so, and did it in December without any legal adviser. He did not know that Mr. Dunsinuir's principal business in San Francisco was to sign this document. James Dunsinuir had repeatedly refused to sign the document. Witness drew up the document and was sure Mrs. Dunsinuir understood it. He certainly told her that her claims in the San Francisco and British Columbia property expired at her death.

Mr. Bodwell pressed for an answer as to whether the document as drawn was not so framed as to lead to the idea that a half interest would remain in the San Francisco business and that she was simply giving up her claim to the British Columbia property with her death. He wanted to know if it was not a tricky document. The witness said it was not.

Mr. Bodwell, reading the clause, proceeded to question witness as to whether the document was so drawn up that the payment of \$25,000 a year would be suggested as ceasing with the life of Mrs. Dunsinuir, but that the half interest in the San Francisco business was not subject to this restriction.

Witness replied that the clause meant that all the rights ceased with her death. The court then adjourned until this afternoon.

FOUND DYNAMITE

In Building Now in Course of Erection in New York.

(Associated Press.)

New York, Dec. 14.—Two one-pound sticks of dynamite, with fuzing caps and fuses attached, were found today by laborers in the Acker, Meriam & Condit building, now in process of construction at 42d street and Broadway. Mysterious explosions occurred early yesterday in this building and the Broadway tabernacle, near by, the contractors on which have been employing members of the new House Smith's Union, formed some time ago in opposition to the union of which Sam. Parks was walking delegate.

TO MEET COLOMBIANS

United States Marines Sent to Point Near Panama Where Troops Have Landed.

(Associated Press.)

Colon, Dec. 14.—A company of marines from the United States ship Prairie, was landed here this morning under the command of Capt. Smedley D. Butler, and entrained for Panama, whence the marines will be sent to a point on the coast south of Panama. This step was in consequence of the receipt of information that the Colombian troops had landed in that direction with the object of marching on Panama.

If this is confirmed it will mean the beginning of a long campaign of guerrilla warfare on the isthmus.

CANADA'S TRADE

During Five Months Increased Nearly \$24,000,000 Compared With Same Period Last Year.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Dec. 14.—Canada's trade figures for the five months ending with November show an aggregate trade of \$224,000,000, or nearly \$24,000,000 more than for the same time last year.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier left for Montreal for three days.

A serious fishery dispute has arisen at St. John's, Nfld., over the action of the French fishermen in refusing to leave the treaty share of Newfoundland. Since the British wharves have gone south, the Frenchmen have destroyed the nets of the settlers and defy the local authorities to take any steps in the matter. The colonial government has appealed to the admiralty, and the gunboat Fantome may be ordered back to drive off the Frenchmen.

A DISTINGUISHED SOLDIER ARRIVES

EARL OF DUNDONALD VISITING VICTORIA**Has Been Inspecting the Strategic Features of Different Points Up the Coast.**

Major-General Lord Dundonald, commander-in-chief of the Canadian militia forces, accompanied by his staff, reached Victoria yesterday morning on the Quadra. His Lordship is the guest of His Honor the Lieut.-Governor at Government House.

Lord Dundonald reached the coast a little over ten days ago, and has been

**LORD DUNDONALD,**

Dominion government stationed at Vancouver to inspect the coast to inspect the strategic features of Port Simpson and Kitimat. After he had familiarized himself with the characteristics and advantages of these points the Quadra came down the coast to Victoria, where the general officer commanding will doubtless put in a couple of busy days.

To-morrow evening he will inspect the Fifth Regiment, and in this connection Lieut.-Col. Hall has issued the following regimental order:

Victoria, B. C., Dec. 13th, 1903.

The regiment will parade at the drill hall on Tuesday evening, the 15th inst., at 7.30, for the purpose of being inspected by the general officer commanding the Canadian militia. Dress, review order.

By order.

(Signed) D. B. MCCONNAN, Capt., Adjutant.

Lord Dundonald declined to talk for publication in regard to his recent trip, but it is understood that his visit to the coast was for a double purpose. One object was to ascertain the harbor best adapted for the terminus of the Grand Trunk railway from a strategic standpoint, and the other to look into the nature of the two islands awarded to Canada by the boundary tribunal, namely, Wales and Pearce, and there is no doubt that he took occasion to investigate the strategic value of the two islands given to the United States, and their bearing on the approach to Simpson. The Quadra made good time from Kitimat, covering 342 distance in forty-five hours.

Major-General Douglas M. Balfie Hamilton, 12th Earl of Dundonald, joined the army in July, 1870, and received his com-

mission as lieutenant in the following year.

In April, 1878, he was promoted to captain, and he served with the Nile expedition in 1884-85 in command of the 2nd Life Guards detachment of the Camel Corps. He carried dispatches to Khartoum, and commanded the transport and baggage of the desert column, under Sir Herbert Stewart, in the advance to Metemma. He was present at the action of Abu Kira, and in the engagement at Gubat, and acted as guide to the convoys which left Gubat on the evening of January 23rd and February 1st, and also the reinforcements to Abu Kira. Lord Dundonald also carried to Khartoum the dispatches announcing the fall of Khartoum. He was mentioned in dispatches, received the medal with two clasps and the Egyptian Star for these services. His commission as major bears date January 12th, 1885, that of lieutenant-colonel June 15th, 1885, and that of colonel June 15th, 1888.

Lord Dundonald's services during the South African war are fresh in the memory of the public. From November, 1899, he organized and commanded the mounted brigade of the Natal army, which included both the Natal Light Horse, Gough's Regiment of Mounted Infantry, and, for a large part of the time, Lord Strathcona's

brigade defended the right flank of Sir Redvers Buller's army at the battle of Colenso, suffering severe losses. He seized Mount Alice and the Boer ferry boat over the Tugela, fought the Boers at Acton Homes and Vaal Krantz, and, getting behind the Boers' position at Chingolo Hill, drove them off the hill and enabled the infantry to occupy it without loss. It assisted the infantry attack at Pieters Hill, and led the advance into Ladysmith. It took part in the advance on Helpmakoos, and pursued the Boer army for forty miles over the burning veldt, which Sir Redvers Buller described "as a very fine performance." His guns shelled the Boers on Laing's Nek and Majuba, being the first guns heard there since 1881. His brigade took part in the battles of Botha's Pass and Almas's Nek. It occupied Standerton, Swartkops, and Waterlooville, and other places, and pursued the Boers through Middelburg. It also got on the heights above the British prisoners' camp at Nooitgedacht, took part in the advance on Lydenburg, and in all the fighting on the Murchison and Pilgrims' Rest. Lord Dundonald came back to England when the Natal army was broken up and his brigade as a brigade ceased to exist. He was promoted major-general, March 7th, 1900, for distinguished service in the field.

Lord Dundonald's family is connected with Canada by ties of the past. The seventh Earl was killed at the siege of Louisbourg. Admiral Sir Alexander Cochrane, who served in command of the same station, the father of the present peer served there for several years in the army. These are purely naval and military ties, but he has also other ties of kinship with the Dominion. Lord Dundonald is a great believer in the citizen soldier.

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BIG ASSOCIATION GAME WAS A TIE

TWO CRACK TEAMS IN WELL FOUGHT BATTLE

Resulted in Score of One to One—Nanaimo Hornets Won Rugby Match.

It is seldom indeed that Victorians evince much enthusiasm over an Association football game. Such, however, was the case in the game between the Garrison and Victoria teams on Saturday at Beacon Hill. All points of vantage outside the grounds were crowded. Each goal play on the part of players on either side was greeted with cheers, and thus encouraged they set an unusually fast pace from the start and continued until the finish. The result was a draw, each team securing one goal. In the first half the Garrison eleven scored. This was made from a penalty kick, Rivers putting the ball through. Victoria's goal was secured from a corner, the kick being taken by W. York and the goal made by L. S. V. York.

Play commenced at about 3 o'clock, and for the first half the game was evenly contested. The forwards on both sides did good work, and each goal in turn was attacked. Several times the Garrison made onslaughts on the local eleven's goal which looked as if they would result in a score. The defence, however, was too strong. Toward and Leimer putting up an excellent game. The latter proved beyond question that his place is at full back. Time after time the local forwards rushed the Garrison, but just as often either Mitchell or Rivers would relieve. The only score in this half was made by Rivers for the soldiers from a penalty kick.

In the second half Victoria pressed their opponents hard, the ball being in the Garrison team's territory almost all the time. A number of unsuccessful efforts were made to score before the lucky corner kick already mentioned was taken. For the rest of the match the Garrison put up a defence game and the locals were unable to score.

Fred. Richardson acted as referee.

RESULT UNSATISFACTORY.
 The result of Saturday's game is most unsatisfactory to both the Victoria and Garrison teams. Even if the local eleven wins its game against the Columbia and Y. M. C. A. teams they will only be tied with the soldiers. The latter must leave on the 28th inst., and if the deciding game is delayed it will of course not be played at all. It has been suggested that the other matches of the league be postponed in order to allow the question of supremacy between Victoria and the Garrison to be settled definitely. This, it is hoped, will be acted upon.

Following is the present standing of the league:

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points
Garrison	6	3	3	9
Victoria	4	2	1	6
Columbia	3	0	2	2
Y. M. C. A.	3	0	0	0

CAPITALS ARE CHAMPIONS.
 The deciding game of the Junior league series took place on Saturday between the Capital and Central teams at Beacon Hill. Both eleven put up a good game, there being little to choose between in the play of the opposing eleven. At one time it looked as if the Capitals would defeat their opponents, but the Capitals were not to be denied, and it wasn't long before the score was evened. The Capital forwards did good work and were well supported by the half backs, but the defence of the Central team was very difficult to pass. In spite of the efforts of the Central eleven, they could not score a second time and the match ended a draw. The championship therefore passes into the hands of the Capitals, they having defeated their opponents by one point.

The standing of the league follows:

Played	Won	Lost	Drawn	Points
Capital	4	1	0	3
Central	4	1	1	2
North Ward	4	1	2	1

As will be seen by the above the league was closely contested. There is only two points difference between the leading and

The Deadly Trail

Of disease is often the trail marked by a woman's gown. A recent investigation showed a hodge of microbes, including those of influenza, consumption and a dozen other varieties, gathered in the trail of a woman's dress.

The microbes are everywhere, but they are the weak and feeble people whose blood is "poor" and digestion "weak." Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition and purifies the blood.

It strengthens the body by increased nutrition to resist or throw off disease. "Please accept my thanks for the good Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery has done for me," writes Mrs. E. C. Chesley of Cleveland, Ohio. "I was troubled for over a year with what the doctor pronounced indigestion. I had nervous headaches, an unpleasant taste in my mouth in the morning, and my blood was very poor. I tried different medicines but to no avail. My parents insisted on my taking Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. I did so, and now on the fourth bottle, and feel stronger than I have for ten years. I cannot speak too highly in its favor."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are easy and pleasant to take. A most effective laxative. Do not get the pill habit.

the greatest enthusiasm. It was the second of the city senior championship matches, and the first in Victoria of the provincial championships. From the start the struggle was a warm one, each side scoring a little goal. At one time the score was even, eight to eight, and the excitement was at fever heat. The score at the finish was 13 to 8.

The score is as follows:
 1. Free shot by Belva for J. B. A. A.
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 3. Free shot by Belva for J. B. A. A.
 4. Goal scored by Belva for J. B. A. A.
 5. Goal scored by Peden for Fernwoods.
 6. Free shot by Belva for J. B. A. A.
 7. Goal scored by Dalby for Fernwoods.
 8. Free shot by Dalby for Fernwoods.

Half Time.
 9. Goal scored by Peden for Fernwoods.
 10. Goal scored by Dalby for Fernwoods.
 11. Free shot by Peden for J. B. A. A.
 12. Free shot by Peden for J. B. A. A.
 13. Goal scored by Pettigall for J. B. A. A.
 14. Goal scored by Peden for J. B. A. A.
 The teams were composed of the following players:
 J. B. A. A.—Guards, Pettigall (capt.) and Emlynson; centre, K. Hughes; forwards, Belva and B. Peden.
 Fernwoods—Guards, Shotbolt and Jones; centre, W. Peden; forwards, Dalby and Gallop.

EXHIBITION MATCH.
 This evening at the Y. M. C. A. annex hall, corner of Broad and Pandora streets, an exhibition match will be played between the Victoria and Capital ladies' teams. The game will commence promptly at 8 o'clock and D. O'Sullivan will act as referee. These teams are very evenly matched, and the game is therefore expected to be interesting. On the last occasion they tried conclusions there were but two points difference in the score. The ladies put up a splendid game, playing good combination and doing some excellent shooting. Since then they have been training hard, and tonight they are prepared to excel their previous performance.

The respective teams follow:
 Capitals—Guards, Miss Glover and Miss Clay; centre, Miss T. Melling (capt.); forwards, Miss Hosker and Miss H. Gossman.
 Victoria—Guards, Miss Ales and Miss L. Gossman; centre, Miss L. Catterall (capt.); forwards, Miss M. Catterall and Miss B. Mellon.

JUNIOR GAME.
 Immediately after the ladies' game, a junior league match will take place between the Victoria and West Y. M. C. A. teams. Play will, it is expected, commence at about 9 o'clock. The respective teams follow:
 Y. M. C. A.—Guards, Matthews and Ross; centre, Galloway; forwards, Mulcahy and Bowers; substitutes, Dougall and Summers.
 Victoria West—Guards, Wilson and Mair; centre, Rother; forwards, Campbell and Willerscroft; substitute, M. Boney.

THE BAR.
HENLEY REGATTA.

London, Dec. 12.—At the annual meeting of the stewards of the Henley Regatta Association held today, the dates for holding next year's races were fixed for July 5th, 6th and 7th. The year's accounts, as submitted to the stewards, showed a decrease of \$1,000. In an amendment to rules, as applicable to Canadian crews, was adopted, according to which the date for entry of such crews will be June 1st instead of March 1st.

DOCKERS.
SECOND ELEVEN WON.

The match between the second eleven of the Victoria Hockey Club and the Victoria College team at Oak Bay on Saturday afternoon was won by the former by a score of four goals to two. The game was closely contested, the superior weight and staying powers of the winners being counteracted by the absence of one of their men. The game was most impartially refereed by Miss Nasou.

RALPH SMITH, M.P., ENDORSED.
 The Mount Sicker Liberals Support His Candidature.

At a meeting of the Mount Sicker Liberal Association, held on December 9th, the following resolution was unanimously passed: "That this association heartily approves of the candidature of Mr. Ralph Smith, M. P. of Nanaimo, as a Liberal-Labor candidate, and promise him our support."

It must be very encouraging to Mr. Smith to find the people of his district so strongly supporting him, although this is only what might be expected after the able manner that he has represented the people in the Dominion House. Mr. Smith's friends are not confined to his own party, but in the district that he represents as well as the House of Commons he is held in the highest esteem by all. There is a feeling in favor of permitting him to be returned by acclamation amongst the people in the district.

ROSSLAND CAMP.

Last Week Ore Shipments Amounted to Over Nine Thousand Tons.

Rossland, Dec. 12.—Concentrates produced at Le Roi No. 2 oil concentrator were shipped from the camp this week for the first time. Sixty tons in all went to Northport smelter for experimental purposes, and the outcome will solve an interesting metallurgical point in connection with the treatment of this class of product.

In connection with the establishment of the White Bear concentrator, for which an order was placed some weeks ago, an interesting point has arisen. The new mill will use water from Le Roi No. 2's plant, which is already charged with oil lost in the first mill. The effect may be to cut down the White Bear's oil loss to a minimum.

The I. X. L. mine has started under the new lease. Lessees have two machines, drills on a fine body of ore, and the mill started crushing to-day. The prospects for another successful mill run are very bright. Ore shipments for the week were large and it is certain now the total tonnage will exceed 400,000 tons by a small margin. This will be a handsome increase in the tonnage over the best previous year. The details of shipments were: Le Roi, 5,700; Centre Star, 1,500; War Eagle, 1,250; Le Roi No. 2, 410; Le Roi No. 2 (milled), 350; Jumbo, 120; Splitsee, 60; total, 9,080; year to date, 385,785 tons.

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VANCOUVER NOTES.

Fatal Accident on the C. P. R.—Scarcity of Male Teachers.

Word has been received of the death of a German, named Ernest Witt, an employee of the C. P. R., who was instantly killed by the fall of a huge boulder. The unfortunate man, was foreman of a masonry gang on an embankment being constructed at Eight-Mile Creek, east of Spences Bridge. No one was to blame for the accident.

Some exciting elections have just been held by the members of the Canadian branch of the Chinese Empire Reform Association. The election is to decide on the 25 representatives for the Dominion, the various branches being entitled to representation according to membership. Vancouver has four members and there were eight candidates, the following being elected: Yip On, Mark Long, Wong Lung and Chow T. Tong. Full returns from other points are expected to-day.

All three money by-laws voted on by the ratepayers of North Vancouver were carried, though the vote (80 in all) was not large; doubtless owing to the wet weather. The by-laws were for bridges, municipal building and loan surplus.

Maxwell Smith, Dominion fruit inspector, has returned from an official trip to Kootenay and the Northwest. Mr. Smith visited Rossland, Nelson, Fernie, Cranbrook, Lethbridge, Macleod, Calgary and Revelstoke. He discovered several irregularities in the Fruit Marks Act, which will probably prove of a sufficiently serious nature to require legal proceedings being taken.

At the last meeting of the school board, Trustees Gordon, chairman of the management committee, referred to the great trouble the committee experienced in getting male teachers, which were badly needed on the staff. It was decided to fill up the vacancies with lady teachers or call a special meeting of the board to consider applications. Chairman Bantfield deplored the scarcity of male teachers, but said it was also troubling eastern boards, as a number of the best schools in Ontario were manned by females. (Laughter.) It was decided to call a special meeting of the board to deal with the matter.

William H. Murray, Fraser passed away at his late residence, 236 Campbell avenue, on Friday morning. In the 75th year of his age, after an illness of one week. Mr. Fraser was a man universally respected, both here and in the East, by all who knew him. He leaves a widow, three daughters and a son.

It was one week ago on Friday that William Moyes fell over a precipice at the extreme northern end of Seymour creek, and so far all efforts to recover the body have been unsuccessful. The matter has now been turned over to the provincial police, and they will continue the search, assisted by Mr. McIntosh, who was with the unfortunate youth at the time of the accident.

MINISTERS WITHDRAW.

Decline to Remain at Belgrade and Meet Murderers of King and Queen.

Berlin, Dec. 12.—The German government decided to break off diplomatic relations with the Serbian government, for the present at least, is that the social season is about to begin at Belgrade, and King Peter has issued invitations to balls, official receptions and other festivities, as usual at all capitals. It is known that the ministers accredited to Belgrade have never counsel cordially to advise King Peter to discontinue himself from the murderers of his predecessor and the latter's wife, and to demand their punishment. The Serbian King disregarded this advice, and even did not answer the notes. Ministers reached a crisis when it was evident that King Peter intended to invite the regime ministers to shake hands with them and dance with their wives. Germany accordingly decided that it was time for her minister to take a leave of absence.

Another Report.

Vienna, Dec. 12.—According to a dispatch from Belgrade, the German, Austrian and Turkish ministers are preparing to leave the city for a long holiday. The Russian and Italian representatives have already left Belgrade on a similar pretext. The real reason for the exodus of the diplomats, however, is said to be that King Peter has negated the demands of these ministers for the punishment of the assassins of King Alexander and Queen Draga.

Other reports say that the Turkish minister at Belgrade protested to the minister of foreign affairs against the secret preparations which are alleged to be going on in Serbia for the purpose of supporting an outbreak in old Serbia next spring. To this protest the foreign minister gave an evasive answer, whereupon the Turkish minister left Belgrade. It is considered likely that the departure of the other ministers may be based upon the alleged intention of Serbia to interfere in Macedonian affairs.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.

Daily Report Published by the Victoria
Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 14, 5 a. m.—An extensive storm area is hovering off the coast. It is causing an easterly gale on the coasts of Oregon, Washington and Vancouver Island, and a general rain will extend inland to the Cascades. The weather has been fair throughout the Pacific slope, while from the Rockies eastward to the Great Lakes the temperature is below zero.

Forecasts.

For 36 hours ending 5 p. m. Tuesday.
Victoria and vicinity—Northerly to easterly winds, cloudy, with rain.

Lower Mainland—Easterly winds, cloudy and rainy.

Reports.

Victoria—Barometer, 30.03; temperature, 42; minimum, 41; wind, 4 miles N.; weather, fair.

New Westminster—Barometer, 30.06; temperature, 38; minimum, 34; wind, 10 miles E.; rain, .02; weather, cloudy.

Kamloops—Barometer, 30.18; temperature, 26; minimum, 22; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 30.02; temperature, 26; minimum, 20; wind, calm; weather, cloudy.

San Francisco—Barometer, 30.34; temperature, 50; minimum, 50; wind, 6 miles E.; rain, .02; weather, cloudy.

Edmonton—Barometer, 30.30; temperature, 4; minimum, 2; wind, calm; weather, fair.

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Fashion can kill any trade, and raise a worthless merchandise to a fictitious price. A few years ago squirrel fur was only used for linings of cloaks, and possessed a merely nominal value. Then it was made fashionable by the French artists in clothes, and it cost as much to buy a squirrel coat as a sealskin. This year it is the turn of mole-skins—a pretty, soft-colored fur, which used to be despised. Mole-skin jackets have become as expensive as some of the finer furs.—The Graphic.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

LONG ADJOURNMENT TAKEN BY THE HOUSE

Financial Bills Introduced Along With Loan Act Assented to by Lieut.-Governor.

Victoria, December 12th.
The legislature adjourned to-night until after the Christmas vacation. This was made possible by the opposition withdrawing any objection to the various stages of the Loan Act Amendment Bill being delayed and put through in the usual form. The Premier having practically stated that the bank was holding the government up in the matter that it was necessary to pass the bill, and that it would be forced through, the opposition, after entering a vigorous protest, gave no further obstruction to a measure which they could not defeat, and for which the government took the full responsibility.

The bill was put through committee in the afternoon, and passed its third reading in the evening. Later, His Honor the Lieut.-Governor came down to the House and assented to the nine bills which had passed their third readings. With the assent being given the government has carried out the first stage in its financial policy. This began with the Loan Bill for \$1,000,000 to be raised by treasury bonds, and necessitating in addition to the regular charge upon the revenues an additional one annually of \$100,000 and interest. Supplementary to this and made necessary by its passage are the new Assessment Act, the amendment to the Railway Assessment Act and the amendment to the Land Act. The first of these the Finance Minister thought would give about \$250,000 additional revenue. The railway assessment has been raised to \$10,000 a mile instead of \$3,000, and the Land Act amendment no one pretends to know what it will do.

The opposition pointed out the weakness of the various bills. It put up a hard fight against them and against the banks sitting in the capacity of dictators over the legislature. Backed by the Socialist members and in many instances by the Labor representative the government party was able to put the measures through in spite of the warning of the opposition, supported by the business interests of the country.

When the House assembled at 2 o'clock prayers were read by Rev. W. Leslie Clay.

On the third reading of the Assessment Act the leader of the opposition asked for a division. The bill passed with the Conservative party supported by the Socialists and the Labor representative.

Coal Tax Act Amendment.
The Coal Tax Act amendment and the Royal Inland Hospital Act amendment passed their third readings.

The Land Act.

On the adjourned debate on the amendment to the Land Act, Mr. Davidson said that he regarded this amendment of Mr. Oliver as an amendment. It was really a request for the withdrawal of the bill. John Oliver's amendment was as follows:

"Whilst this House approves of the principle of taxing to a reasonable extent the timber cut on other crown lands, and is also in favor of securing its manufacture in the province of British Columbia, yet we consider that this proposed bill confers to a very large extent the value of the timber on other crown lands, and would result in closing up a number of promising industries which must draw their supply of timber from other than crown lands, and would also result in great hardship to actual settlers who rely largely upon the sale of timber upon their homesteads for subsistence whilst clearing their lands, we consider this bill so unreasonable in its provisions, and that it would be so disastrous in its effects, that we are of the opinion that the government should withdraw this bill, and should submit a bill which would provide for an increase of revenue and not cripple our industries, but distribute the burden of increased taxation equitably upon those called upon to bear it."

C. Munro said that he had a voluminous amount of correspondence on the matter. He had come to the conclusion that this bill would result disastrously to many. He described the situation in his own constituency.

He had gone in on the land and by small mills being established near them had found a market for the timber on the land. This act would have wiped out many of these small mills, and would have resulted disastrously to many of the farmers, who would vacate their land in consequence.

The Chief Commissioner rose and announced that the government had decided to take the tax referred to off with the exception of timber exported from the province.

Mr. Munro was glad to hear this.

T. W. Patterson questioned very much if the province had the right to go in and collect from timber cut on lands granted by the Dominion government to the C. P. R. and other railways. If the province could do that it could collect a second royalty off timber cut on lands from which the Dominion government collected a first royalty. He held it was unfair to tax lands now which had before been exempt. The minister said it was proposed to make it only nominal. It had been said from the government side that no attention should be paid to representations made by bodies to the members on such subjects. But it was quite apparent that the government had paid a great deal of attention to the representations of timber men, or the act would not have been altered to the great extent it had. The country had a right to expect that the government had given attention to the bill before it was introduced.

Dr. King said it was quite evident that

the government when it attempted to pass this bill did not know what it was doing. Had the bill passed as it was introduced it would have killed the timber industry. The country had been told that this was a business government. They had found this was incorrect. The legislature had been informed the night previous that the Assessment bill had to be put through with all haste with the Loan Act. He hoped it was not the intention to railroad this bill through in the same way. Applying the bill to his own district, he showed that from 1888 up to 1901 the timber men had made nothing. Owing to the opening up of a market in the Northwest they had now been enabled to make a little out of the industry. The country was now deriving a considerable revenue from that part of the province. The timber men protested that it was impossible to continue under this bill. The license fee was increased to \$115. They asked that these licenses should be renewable. This was refused. The land was lightly timbered and it was necessary to have at least five claims to carry on a profitable business. Through these licenses not being renewable a man would have to take \$575 out of his profits to take out new licenses. It would result in these men having to go to the banks. Eventually the timber lands would pass into the hands of the banks of the province. There had been circulated a report that timber men were making large profits. He did not think it was so. Going into the Northwest the British Columbia lumber was met by that from Rat Portage and that from the United States. The timbermen were preparing to ask for protection from the Dominion government. What force could this have in the face of the fact that the province was passing further taxes upon the timber men? The Chief Commissioner had promised to bring in an act resembling the Ontario statute. How were those who now held leases to be protected in this matter? The bill, as it now stood, would be an express advantage to large corporations who held leases for long periods. He had no doubt these men were consulted before the bill was brought in. The result of the measure would be that the small mill men would be driven out of business. There were 90,000 acres held under long leases in the province which brought in \$7,500. This amount, if held under timber licenses, would bring in double that sum. Timber men wanted to know where they stood in their business. If a new measure was to be introduced next year the government should now remove uncertainty by stating what the measure would be.

R. L. Drury thought they were at a great disadvantage. They had a bill before them, but the Chief Commissioner had stated that there were important amendments. They did not know what measure was to be put before them. While his constituency was not directly affected to any great extent, yet taking an interest in the country as a whole he was not, and hoped he never would be, like those who had stated on the floor of the House that it mattered not how a bill affected a large class so long as the class which they claimed to represent was not affected. He recalled the efforts put forth to give men a right claim to the land on Dominion lands. Now the province proposed to step in and tax the timber cut on it. This was really confiscation. The outside world already knew of this. He personally knew of instances in which deals had been cancelled in consequence of this measure. It was very unsatisfactory to debate this bill with the Premier, the Chief Commissioner and other members of the government assenting themselves. These men only appeared in the House to vote. It was most unbecoming to a legislative body. He contended that if it was right to take \$800 as license fees for five years that these should be renewable from year to year by payment of the yearly proportions.

A vote being taken the amendment of Mr. Oliver was lost by 20-48 14.

The Chief Commissioner wished the bill committed at once.

J. A. Macdonald asked if the Premier would not consent to the bill standing over until January, so that those interested might be heard. He understood that this was part of the financial scheme of the government. It was not now a question of revenue. That feature of it had been wiped out according to the amendment made by the government. There was, therefore, no necessity to rush it through. It was now a question of whether or not licenses should be renewable and transferable.

The Premier said that the government intended to pass the bill before it rose for good and sufficient reasons. The bills brought down were all parts of the financial scheme, and it was necessary to put them through before December 15th. The Land Bill had for its object the increasing to a very large extent of the revenues of the province. It was not the intention to press unduly upon any industry. When the bill went through committee it would be perfectly agreeable to all members on both sides of the House.

Mr. Macdonald asked if the banks, in making the arrangements which were made, had insisted upon this bill going through?

The Premier said the government in outlining the position to the financial institutions to which it had appealed in solving the difficulties gave an outline of its intention with regard to the matter of revenue, and it would keep its promise.

Mr. Macdonald wanted it made clear. He wanted to know if the banks made these bills imperative in conjunction with the loan bill.

The Premier could not take the House further in his confidence. The government regarded these bills as essential to the financial policy, and must press for their passage.

Mr. Macdonald pressed for an answer as to whether the banks were forcing this bill through before recess.

The Premier said the banks had insisted upon nothing. The government had undertaken the management of the affairs of the country, and sought to adjust matters. In that policy they had a majority of the House, and he hoped to control that. The government was subject to dictation from no bank nor any financial institution. Having undertaken certain things with financial institutions these institutions expected the government to carry out its arrangements.

Mr. Drury wanted to know if the leader of the government had permis-

sion of the banks to introduce the suggested changes in the proposed bill.

The Speaker interposed, and held that the question was not entirely in order.

Mr. Drury wanted to know of the Premier would say of this what he said of the Assessment Bill the evening previous, when he said that it was necessary that it receive the assent of the crown in order that the government carry out its obligations.

Mr. Oliver called the attention of the Speaker to the fact that the bill could only go through before the 15th by a suspension of the rules of the House. The opposition could only consent to this upon the understanding that it was absolutely essential. The members were entitled to this information.

The Premier, proceeding further to explain matters, said he was willing to accommodate the leader of the opposition. When the government was adjusting the financial situation it discussed the scheme with moneyed men. A proposal was made which looked to further taxation on the timber men. That measure was before them. It was necessary in order that the government might keep its conditions so that the obligations might be met. Owing to the conditions which had prevailed the financial institutions were only waiting reasonable assurances that the government could do away with deficit and meet the obligations. He thought in all fairness members of the opposition should give every support to get the financial scheme completed. It was always fair for the opposition to endeavor to defeat a government.

"Oh, please!" said Mr. Oliver, turning away disgusted.

Mr. Macdonald said that this was a business proposition and did not call for a declaration such as the Premier had given. Three of the measures had been put through. He did not see that it was absolutely essential to put this through just now. The Premier, he believed, had some hope that his followers would come back after recess and give him support. If it was a matter of life or death to the province—even if it were a measure which a refusal to pass would result in embarrassing the government—the opposition would even assist in passing it through. There was no such situation.

Mr. Davidson objected to it being said that this bill must go through. He wanted to see the amendments printed. He objected to the bill being committed. The Chief Commissioner urged that the members were anxious to get home for the Christmas holidays. If it was put through its stages in the usual way the members would have to come back Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to get it through. He wished the objection withdrawn.

Mr. Davidson wanted these amendments printed.

Mr. Oliver said the legislature was sitting for the transaction of business. To the country it mattered nothing when the members got home for their holidays. The Premier should make a definite declaration as to the necessity for the bill passing.

W. J. Bowser held that as business men it was important that they should get home earlier. The government was going to see the bill through, and the members of his side of the House would see the bill through.

Mr. Oliver called attention to the fact that a large delegation was coming on Sunday with representations regarding the bill.

Chas. Munro held that the position was not changed by the government's statement that it was essential. The members of the government side said they were going to put it through anyway. The opposition had entered its protest and was absolved in connection with it. He saw no good in delaying a bill's passage, therefore, which the government side was determined to put through.

Mr. Davidson withdrew his objection, though not fully satisfied with the situation. He withdrew his objection on the understanding that the amendments be read at the opening of the committee.

The House then went into committee, with C. W. Clifford in the chair.

T. W. Patterson called to the attention of the members that the Chief Commissioner had declared in the House that it was the intention to bring in a new measure in line with that in Ontario. Making that announcement, they would find there would be a rush for licenses covering 21 years, because with the new law coming in next year these lands would become very valuable. If the Ontario system had been adopted years ago they would have been deriving enough to pay the running expenses. The rental which would be paid would be a mere bagatelle compared with the profits to be derived when the manufacturers would have to get their supply from them. There were leases held by the banks. These could not be bought for less than a bonus of \$6 an acre now. They should go very carefully in this fact that a settlement had been made by the Chief Commissioner that a new law was to be introduced. That statement was a very dangerous one to make, and it was most ill considered.

The Chief Commissioner in explanation said that he had intended to say that the government did not intend to make leases perpetual. What he intended to say was that the government intended to make a comprehensive bill, using the Ontario act as the basis, for some of the changes.

On the question of licenses, Mr. Patterson held that the policy of the government was to charge the same license fees and the same royalty for all licenses. Some tracts were so situated that a man could put the logs in the water for \$3 a thousand, while others would cost \$6 a thousand. The act worked unfairly. It was framed with regard to the time when logging was done by hand.

The Attorney-General held that this argument was on a par with a proposal that in collecting taxes from coal mines and other mines that suitability of location should be taken into consideration. He regarded it as absurd.

Mr. Patterson could not understand how a business man could describe this as absurd. This was the principle upon which the province of Ontario made money out of its timber lands by putting

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EYE-OPENERS.

The organs of the British Columbia government are congratulating the administration on its success in having weathered the storms of the first instalment of the session. It is admitted that the ministerial majority is small, and it is not denied that it is precarious. The Socialists appear to be the strongest defenders of the policy of the Premier. It is no secret that several of the straight Conservatives are disgusted with the policy that has been launched by the money lenders and endorsed by the Socialists, and that they would gladly welcome any excuse that would relieve them from the odium that must attach to all in any degree responsible for the measures which have just been enacted into law. When the constituents of these gentlemen become seized of the purport and feel in practice the actual effect of the various laws which have been forced through the House in spite of the strong efforts of the opposition to relieve them of their most objectionable features, their feelings of chagrin are not likely to be modified.

But they are members of the great Conservative party, which is the ruling force in the province to-day, and they and the party must bear the responsibility for the acts of their leader, the money lenders and the Socialists. The Liberals have nothing to reproach themselves with. They did their best to secure the amendments they thought essential in the interests of the people of the province. But the two antagonistic forces had the upper hand and were determined to exact the last ounce of tribute.

If it were not for the effect likely to be produced upon British Columbia, the Liberal party should to-day be in a state of "unholy joy." The Hon. Richard McBride has delivered the Tory forces into their hands. The weakness of Conservatism has been laid bare in good time. The people have received early evidence of the incapacity of the men who have been placed at the head of the party in British Columbia. We suppose we must temporarily submit to the rapacity of the predatory forces which are going to exact exorbitant rates of interest, but we have had our lesson, and we shall profit from it.

A RAMPANT BARONET.

Sir Charles Tupper, Bart., old political war horse that he is, still stiffly the battle from afar. And he is just about as discreet as the fiery steed. He forgets past events with a facility that no mere four-footed animal can excel and rushes into the fray with the impression strong on his mind that the memories of his opponents are quite as blank as his own.

For example, we find that the ex-leader has been writing letters to a large number of Conservative papers asserting in his usual dogmatic style that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is suggesting that Canada should ask for larger powers of negotiation in cases where her interests are exclusively concerned in heading a movement which must sever the last strand of British connection. Something of that kind has been said before when fuller measures of self-government were asked for in Canada. And the effect was precisely the opposite of that which was predicted by the Tories of the old school who ruled Canada to her hurt. Enlarging the powers of the hure removed causes of needless friction and bound the Dominion and the Mother Country together in stronger bonds of affection. In the days when family compacts ruled and oppressed Canadians the spirit of rebellion was rampant. After years of self-government the spirit of loyalty is stronger in Canada to-day than it ever was at any period in the history of the country. No event that has transpired within the last twenty years has so stirred the spirit of the country as the result of the deliberations of the Alaska Boundary tribunal. Such tests are to be deprecated for the sake of the Mother Country as well as in the interest of the Dominion. No such strain could have

been applied to the strands of British connection had Lord Alverstone not been endowed with powers that should only have been vested in a representative responsible to the people of the country directly interested in the result. "We say wider powers of negotiation would have precisely the opposite effect of that predicted by Sir Charles Tupper."

Fortunately, we know in Canada that the ex-leader of the Conservative party still fancies that he is a political power in the country. We also know that he is now, as he has been all his life, scarcely responsible for his utterances. He is one public man in Canada who has never at any period of his career been taken seriously. Those who have for any length of time taken an interest in public affairs will remember Sir Charles's remarkable campaign in Quebec in 1900. The Conservative leader had made up his mind that it was necessary to win the Lower Province from Laurier, and he was not the man to hesitate about the nature of measures once he had decided that in order to win it was necessary to follow a certain course. In pursuance of that object we find the man who is to-day troubled in soul about British connection attacking the Laurier government in Quebec for giving a tariff preference to Great Britain without exacting preferential treatment of Canadian products in the British market, and represented the Liberal leader as an advocate of Imperial federation under which Canada would be required to contribute \$40,000,000 a year for Imperial defence. He recalled the fact that he was mainly instrumental in breaking up the old Imperial Federation League, which stood for colonial contributions to the support of the British army and navy, and warned those whom he addressed against any policy which would make Canada responsible for any regular contribution to the permanent military defenses of the Empire. In making these statements Sir Charles Tupper (according to the Toronto News which is not a Grit paper by any means) was probably influenced by one main object. It was not such a speech as he would have made at Halifax or at Toronto. He knew that the action of the government in sending out Canadian troops to South Africa was unpopular in Quebec, and he sought to turn the dominant feeling in the French province to his own advantage without directly condemning the organization and despatch of the contingents.

AS TAUGHT IN ENGLAND.

It will be remembered that a short time ago attention was called by the principal of the South Park School to some of the curiosities of the geography of Canada as taught in the higher educational institutions of England. The criticism of Miss Cameron was not received in an altogether kindly spirit by some people in this country who seem to think that Oxford is infallible in its teachings and that anything that emanates from Cambridge must be received with bared head. But the crusade is now certain; has not been a waste of time and energy. Miss Cameron did not merely call attention to the extraordinary teachings and wait for the public to do the rest. She corresponded with those in a position to press for reforms, with gratifying results. The Lord High Commissioner of Canada was appealed to, the Secretary of State for the Colonies was addressed. Sir Thomas Shaughnessy's attention was directed to the matter, and the President of the C. P. R. immediately wrote the following letter to one firm of publishers:

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Relief Bros., the publishers, after acknowledging the receipt of a letter from Miss Cameron, calling attention to the inaccuracies, or "absurd accounts of Canada," as they term them, write: "We may inform you we are taking steps to correct this in the edition we are just printing."

The Vancouver News-Advertiser quotes a couple of columns of the opinions of Sir Charles Tupper, Bart., in regard to the attitude of Sir Wilfrid Laurier towards matters of grave political import at this momentous stage in the history of the British Empire. Here is a short but pungent sentence that is not included: "As far as Sir Wilfrid Laurier is concerned, you can say that he is too English for me, with his programme of Imperial federation." Sir Charles also objected most vehemently to the Liberal programme generally, because he said

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—The monthly report of the Tree Smelter shows that for twenty-five days' operation in November 6,340 tons of ore were smelted, giving a return of \$85,735, after deduction of refining charges and the amount paid for custom ores included in the above.

—A valuable crazy quilt, which is to be sold for the purpose of augmenting the funds for the erection of a Lutheran church, is on exhibition in the window of Schi's furniture store. The quilt was made by the ladies of the "Maria Martha Frauen Verein" of the church.

—The Y. M. C. A. Literary and Debating Society met on Saturday evening and decided not to hold any debates until after the Christmas holidays. The next meeting, which will be held under the new management of the society, will take place on January 6th. It was thought that the change from Saturday to Wednesday evening would be a decided advantage in inducing an increased attendance.

—The British Columbia Institute of Accountants has been reorganized for the coming year, officers being elected as follows: President, Thomas Kiddie, Tye Copper Company; vice-president, S. G. Blacklock, Trail; secretary-treasurer, Arthur A. Cole, Rossland; council, Herbert Campbell, Victoria; A. L. McKillop, Nelson; Walter E. Segsworth, Greenwood; and Douglas Lay, McGeaigan. The organization has a strong balance in the bank and looks forward to a useful year's work.

—The financial statement of the British Columbia Electric Railway Company for October shows that the gross earnings of the railway on the Victoria division were \$10,872, against \$10,410 last year. The gross earnings in lighting were \$9,676. The aggregate gross earnings from July 1st to October 31st amounted to \$239,096, an increase of \$41,982 over the total for this period last year. The aggregate net earnings were \$93,825, an increase of \$22,219 over last year.

—At the regular public meeting of the Socialist party in Labor hall last evening, J. H. Hawthornthwaite, M. P. P., spoke on the evolution of capitalism and of its inevitable transition to socialism. He spoke of his position in the local House, and defined the parties represented there as follows: The Conservative party stood for the development and perpetuation of the present capitalist system; the Liberal party was reactionary and aimed at reforming or patching up the present system; while the Socialist party stood solely for the interests of labor.

—The Collegiate school will close for the Christmas holidays on Thursday next. The term prizes will be distributed by H. S. Monor the Lieut. Governor on that occasion. Special prizes have been donated by Sir Henri Joly, Bishop Porin, the Hon. Mr. Justice Martin, C. W. Buck, F. A. Pauline, Aid. Goodacre, and Messrs. T. N. Hibben. The programme at the closing exercises will include music, recitations and an English play, "A Model of a Wife." The boys will take part in these. All the old boys of the school are invited to be present on Thursday.

—On Tuesday evening an organ recital will be given in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. This promises to be an excellent entertainment, as G. Jennings Burnett will be assisted by the best musical talent in the city. Two of Mr. Burnett's latest compositions, "Son of My Soul" and "Amid the Shadows," will be interpreted by Herbert Taylor. Miss McCoy will contribute "Father of All," by Panerose. Mrs. G. Hicks will, by request, render Handel's "He Was Despised." Handel's "Comfort Ye" and "Every Valley" will be sung by A. T. Gower. Josie Longfield will also contribute to the programme, rendering two solo songs. An attempt is being made, by request, to repeat Mr. Burnett's duet, "The Lord is My Shepherd."

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—A regular meeting of the Natural History society will be held this evening at 8 o'clock, in the caucus room, parliament buildings. Subject: "Notes on the Aurora Borealis," by E. Baynes Reed.

—Every dollar purchase entitles you to one guess how many yards of ribbon will be for the Solid Gold Watch, to be given by Santa Claus on January 1st, 1904. Ribbon displayed in our north window. The S. Reid Co., Limited.

—Chas. Burkhardt, the well known Hebrew comedian, has been engaged to succeed George Sydney as Bixzy Izzy with Joe Kelly in "The Head Waiters," and will be seen at the Victoria theatre on Wednesday, December 10th.

—Banner lodge, A. O. U. W., meets to-night, and after the nomination of officers a social session will be held, at which progressive whist and other games will be indulged in. All workmen will be cordially welcome.

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—The Olympia Opera Co. brought their Victoria engagement to an end on Saturday. In the afternoon "La Mascotte" was presented, and the closing opera was "The Chimes of Normandy." The attendance was by no means as large as the performances merited. "La Mascotte" was given in a manner which frequently drew forth applause. "The Chimes of Normandy" also proved enjoyable, and during the evening several encores were responded to. In this opera John E. Young was responsible for most of the fun, and this capable comedian was fully equal to the task.

—Those who attended the recital by Miss Archibut and her pupils in Waitt's hall on Saturday afternoon enjoyed a thorough treat. The entire programme was rendered in the most artistic manner, the performance of the pupils showing in a marked way the excellent training they have received. After the concert prizes were awarded by Mrs. Irving, Miss Clarke being first for a fine rendition of Haydn's Adagio. A special prize was awarded Miss Gunder Robbick for her diligence and enthusiasm. The boys' awards will be given at the annual distribution of prizes next Thursday at the Collegiate school.

—The Orpheum is presenting a strong bill this week, headed by the great "21st" in a very laughable sketch, "Coburn," with his trained birds, also apes, and as an extra the Rynersons (last night only and Wednesday matinee) in a sensational hypnotic act. Mr. Rynerson will be placed in a hypnotic sleep on Tuesday at noon at the Orpheum, and will be awakened at 8 p.m. on the stage for his performance there. Mr. Huell will sing "When We Were Two Little Boys." The figures in the voting contest follow: Miss Amy Kneeshaw, 690; Miss J. Pullen, 655; Miss Annie Brown, 378; Miss Edith Wilson, 301; Miss Grace Thompson, 253; Miss Lily Shirk, 208; Miss Sophie Cox, 175; Miss Sadie Smith, 164; Miss K. Henderson, 133; Miss Beattie Whitefield, 117; Miss Mabel Stewart, 115; Miss Blanche Johnson, 117.

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—The electors of Spring Ridge, will meet in the Odd Fellows' hall to-morrow evening for the purpose of discussing the coming election. All North ward electors are requested to be present, as it is probable that candidates may be selected at the meeting.

—Steamer Tees, Capt. Hughes, arrived from northern British Columbia ports yesterday. She brought south among other passengers: J. Simpson, G. Landro, P. McCabe, E. Wise, W. T. Oliver, J. W. Graham, G. H. Dawson, S. Ward, J. Irving, R. Cunningham, G. Fraser and W. Pinder.

—The souvenir calendar of Victoria, published by A. S. Angell, is a neat remembrance to send to out-of-town friends. Only two hundred have been printed, so you must apply early to secure one. The price is 25 cents, and they are for sale at the principal book stores and at the Times office.

—To-night will be literary night at the Metropolitan Epworth League. An instructive lecture will be given on mineralogy by W. F. Best. The lecture will be illustrated by the use of lantern slides—colored glass and chemical apparatus. There will be no admission and no collection. Everybody is invited.

—Last night R. H. Kneeshaw spoke before a large and attentive audience, in the A. O. U. W. hall, on "Life and Experiences in the Spirit World," the subject being supplied by one of the audience. During the evening Miss Alice Kneeshaw recited in a beautiful and finished manner J. G. Clarke's grand poem, "The Infinite Mother."

—Spyside Camp of the Sons of Scotland will give an excellent concert in the Sir William Wallace hall this evening. The programme is given in honor of St. Andrew's Day, having been postponed from that date. The programme for the entertainment, which begins at 8 o'clock, follows: Address, by the Chief, James J. McKenzie; instrumental selection, Mrs. Barnes; song, W. D. Kimball; recitation, Mr. Houston; duet, Mrs. Luney and Mr. Brownlee; address, Rev. W. L. Clay; instrumental, Mrs. Barnes; song, Mr. Kimball; reading, J. R. Rickaby; address, Rev. Mr. Ewing; song, J. G. Brown; song, Mr. Brownlee, "God Save the King."

—Judgment has been given in the suits brought against the B. C. Electric Railway Company in connection with the death of Conductor Ekins last summer, who fell from a car on the Oak Bay line. Two suits were brought, one a civil action for damages, and the other under the Workmen's Compensation Act. In the first the company was freed of all blame of negligence and judgment was given in its favor with costs. Under the Workmen's Compensation Act, where the company is liable unless the personal negligence of the person affected is proved, judgment was given against the company, who are obliged to pay \$20 a month for three years, amounting in all to \$720.

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NEWSPAPER CHANGES.

Some Alterations in Personnel of Vancouver and Victoria Staffs.

A number of changes have taken place within the last few days in journalistic circles on the coast. Some of these have reference to the news staffs, and two of them affect editorial positions.

The latter two apply to the Victoria Colonist and to the Vancouver World from the editorial chairs, of which Messrs. D. R. Bogie and C. H. Gibbons have respectively retired. The vacancy first mentioned, is understood to have been filled by E. Carter-Cotton, M. P. P., proprietor of the News-Advertiser. N. C. Schou, of the News-Advertiser staff, is also assisting editorially on the Colonist. The vacancy on the World has not yet been filled.

R. Bruce Bennett, who has been acting as news editor of the Ledger ever since its issue in daily form by Dr. Reynolds, has transferred to the News-Advertiser staff. His place as news editor on the Ledger has been taken by Lawrence Macrae of this city, for many years connected with the Colonist news staff and until lately night editor of that paper.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Mrs. Jenkins Nominated for School Trustee by the Women's Council.

There was a very large attendance at the annual meeting of the local Council of Women, which opened this morning in the council chamber at the city hall. Miss Perrin occupied the chair and among those occupying seats on the platform were Mrs. G. Grant, secretary; Mrs. Spafford, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Wm. Grant, treasurer.

The meeting, as is customary, was opened with silent prayer. Mrs. Gordon Grant read the minutes of the last annual meeting. The president in a few well chosen words welcomed four new societies to affiliation with the council, the Mothers' Club, the Young Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and Baxter and Queen Alexandra Hives of the Ladies of the Macenches. They were represented respectively by Mrs. Ewing, Mrs. Dickson, Mrs. Williscraft and Mrs. D. R. Harris.

The roll call showed that there were 142 attendees—seven officers and 73 delegates, representing twenty affiliated societies. Mrs. Dickson and Mrs. Sherwood were appointed return officers and tellers for the ballot.

Mrs. Spafford then gave a exhaustive report of the year's work. This was followed by the treasurer's report.

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read by Mrs. Wm. Grant, which showed the receipts to be \$209.70, and expenditures about \$120.00, leaving a balance of \$89.70. This is an exceptionally creditable showing and called forth several congratulatory addresses.

The Friendly Help Association sent an excellent report of the great good accomplished through the efforts of this branch of the council's work.

The report of the committee who had in charge the securing of the equipment for domestic science, reported the work fully established, the equipment paid for, and the council ready to hand the equipment to the school board.

Interesting reports were given by affiliated societies of the work accomplished by them through the year.

An interesting discussion took place on the need of enforcement of the "Curfew" by-law.

Mrs. Jenkins was nominated by the council as school trustee.

Mrs. McLagan, of Vancouver, provincial vice-president, was in attendance, and this afternoon will give a report of the annual meeting of the National Council.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE

(Continued from page 3.)

these books up to competition after being surveyed.

Mr. Bowser, speaking for the Chief Commissioner, contended that the expense of surveying would be too great.

Mr. Patterson thought that the returns from the system would be adopted would easily pay for this.

W. C. Wells approved of the Ontario system in principle. The proposal of Mr. Patterson would do away with the lease system.

The Chief Commissioner proposed to alter the bill by making the license fee \$115 east of the Cascades and in A.C.M. and \$140 west of the Cascades.

Mr. Oliver moved along the line of allowing a person to take either a five-year lease, or, if paid for, year by year, it would be subject to the same rates which might be made.

The Chief Commissioner urged that the amendment of the member for Delta tended to provide a back door for the renewal of licenses. The government never intended that these should be renewable.

Mr. Oliver objected to the statement being unbecoming a minister of the crown. His amendment offered no such thing. He was not in the habit of entering by the back door. He asked the Chief Commissioner to point out where his amendment provided any such thing as he urged.

Mr. Patterson pointed out the danger of the timber resources passing into the hands of speculators as a result of this enactment of the Chief Commissioner.

The Attorney-General said that the proposal of the government was that the title to the lease for five years should only be in cases where the five years' fee was paid at once.

Mr. Oliver held that this worked to the advantage of the rich man, who could afford to pay for this privilege, and worked against the poor logger.

Mr. Macdonald pointed out that under the system in vogue leases of large tracts for 21 years were provided for the rich mill owner. For the logger with small capital the special license system was adopted.

This proposal of the Chief Commissioner was intended to work to the advantage of the speculator, who could secure the lands of the province for five years. The lands could be taken up, and these licenses being transferable, the speculator would secure large tracts in his own and in other names. The poor logger who could only afford to pay one year's license was discriminated against. The lands in large blocks would pass for five years into the hands of speculators, who would reap the benefit when the laws were changed. The government stated practically that it had made a pact and would stand by this bill. Certain men had under their demands upon the government and the government had given way.

"Who were the men?" asked Mr. Bowser. "Who were the men who threatened to resign if the government did not consent to make these changes?" asked Mr. Macdonald.

The Chief Commissioner had stated that there was a compact, which would not be broken, to see this bill through as it was brought in, asked Mr. Macdonald.

The Chief Commissioner interjected that this was due to the unanimity of thought on the government side.

It was due to the pressure brought to bear on the government by deputations, added the leader of the opposition. He appealed to the members who were not in the compact to see that justice was done to the poor logger.

The amendment of Mr. Oliver was lost. The Socialists voting with the government and the Labor member with the opposition.

The amendment of the Chief Commissioner being then proposed to be put, Mr. Oliver raised a point of order. He held that the motion that these words which it was now proposed to strike out had by the last vote been retained, and cited the ruling of the Speaker the evening previous.

The chairman ruled otherwise, but the Premier, seeing the difficulty, asked that the objection be waived.

To this the member for Delta readily agreed, stating that he only wished to show the difference between the two sides in such matters. He also took occasion to point out the contradictory rulings on a question by the Speaker and the chairman under an alteration of the circumstances.

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Leave.	Arrive.	Leave.	Arrive.	Arrive.
Victoria	8.00	12.00	Victoria	8.00
Shawnigan Lake	10.30	10.40	Shawnigan Lake	8.20
Duncan	11.00	10.02	Duncan	8.00
Ladysmith	11.57	9.10	Ladysmith	8.00
Nanaimo	12.40	8.20	Nanaimo	8.41
Ar. Wellington	12.53	8.00	Wellington	8.10

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TAX ON PROSPECTORS.

Increasing the license for prospectors for coal and oil from \$50 to \$100 is a typical example of Socialist-Conservative legislation. In a country like British Columbia, whose wealth is for the most part hundreds of feet underground and requires an immense outlay of labor before it can even be demonstrated to exist, it would seem to be only the dictates of common sense that men who desire to take the risk of searching for it and bringing it to the light of day should at the very least not be hampered in their work. In fact if a proposal should be made to bonus such individuals for the advantage they are to the community it would be a very fair and sensible proposal. All property in a country like British Columbia depends on the prospector. He unfolds and develops hidden wealth, gives employment to thousands and is in every sense a benefactor to the community.

To charge such a person \$100 for a license to do such work is an "incongruity" that is remarkable only in its amazing foolishness, and one who acquires with considerable interest in what grounds sensible men can justify themselves in resorting to it.

Premier McBride's Defence.
Premier McBride defended it because before a prospector decides to bore for coal or oil he must be sure that he has a good thing, millions in fact, and it is only fair for the government to charge him something for the privilege of exploiting it.

This is an argument, indeed, and a person must have lived in a coal region to fully appreciate its force. In the neighborhood of Nanaimo, we venture to say, there are at least a hundred bore holes for coal that cost thousands of dollars and never realized a single cent, and Nanaimo is no exception to the general rule of coal producing countries. In fact we believe it may be said with truth that the proportion of successful bores is not one in ten. It is therefore evident that Mr. McBride's reasoning is based on gross and inexcusable ignorance of the facts. But even if his statement that every prospector makes millions were true, how can he excuse himself to the people of this country for selling such a privilege for a paltry \$200? Mr. McBride it seems is of the horns of a dilemma. If the prospector succeeds \$200 is too little; if he fails it is too much; all of which goes to show that a tax on prospectors is both unreasonable and unfair.

Mr. Hawthorthwaite's Position.

From Mr. McBride we turn with even more interest to Mr. Hawthorthwaite's reason for supporting the increased tax. Mr. Hawthorthwaite is peculiarly supposed to be representing the workers and the workers only. He boasted before election that the would make their interests his one guiding star. One question alone he would ask in relation to any bill: "Is it in the interest of the workers? If it is I will support it; if it is not I will oppose it." Now in our opinion the prospector as a prospector is the hardest worked and poorest paid worker in any country. As a prospector—and it is in that capacity alone that the law deals with him—he spends both labor and capital and gets absolutely no return. Therefore if any person should get favorable consideration from the friend of the working man it should be the prospector. But it seems Mr. Hawthorthwaite voted and spoke in favor of charging him \$100 for a license to work. How does he defend his action?

His Defence.

First he regards the prospector as a speculator. In a sense the prospector is a speculator, but not in a way that should be discouraged. The farmer is a speculator in a certain sense for he takes chances on the weather, the markets, army, worm and a dozen other contingencies, for he works on contract and what is a good place to-day may be a poor place to-morrow. There is a certain amount of speculation in all industry, but the kind of speculation that leads to work and industry is the kind that all friends of the working man should encourage. If the speculator who prevents industry who is the cause of the factory who buys up coal lands or oil lands or any kind of lands and does nothing until the industry of his fellowmen is surrounding property, monopolizes the value of his land and realizes a large profit without prospecting a single foot. That is the kind of speculation who should be discouraged, but you don't get at him by putting a \$100 tax on prospectors. Then Mr. Hawthorthwaite says the government should guard

A DISGRACEFUL SCENE.

Unseemly Brawl at Coroner's Inquest at Vernon.

Dr. Harris, the newly appointed coroner, held his maiden inquest at Vernon on Wednesday on the body of Marion Russell, who died in that town in a house of ill-repute. There was quite an array of legal and medical talent present, and two of the medical witnesses became so heated during the giving of evidence that they came to blows, and perhaps for the first time in the history of the province a rough and tumble fight took place in the court room. One of the lawyers was knocked down during the fight and tramped upon by the combatants. The coroner apparently made no effort to maintain order, and had it not been for the interference of the police the pugilistically inclined medics might have inflicted serious injury to one another.

After hearing the evidence the jury brought in a verdict of death from natural causes.—Kamloops Sentinel.

A passenger train on the Panhandle road collided head-on with a south-bound freight train at Glenora, near Wheeling, Va. Engineer Thomas, of the passenger, and Fireman James Langan, of the stock train, were killed, and two trainmen and Detective William Johnson, of Pittsburgh, were injured, the last named fatally.

George Christensen, a Chicago saloon keeper, was shot and killed by his brother Nicholas, the latter immediately after turning the pistol on himself with fatal effect. George Christensen asked his brother for money which he claimed was due him, and when Nicholas refused the fatal shot was fired.



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To be sold for Taxes, Interest and Costs on the THIRTIETH DAY of December, 1903, at the City Council Chambers, City Hall, Victoria, B. C., at 12 o'clock noon, in pursuance of "The Victoria Real Property Tax Sale By-Law, 1903," unless in the meantime the arrears of Taxes, Interest and Costs due in respect of each Lot in the Schedule hereunder written be paid. If sold, the said lands and improvements will be chargeable with a proportion of the legal costs of and incidental to the obtaining of the Judge's Order confirming such sale.

Lot.	Block.	Section.	Assessed Owner.	Registered Owner.	Total Amount of Taxes, Interest and Costs due on the 1st day of January, 1904.	Amount of Taxes, Interest and Costs due on the 1st day of January, 1904, in respect of the 1st day of January, 1904.	Amount of Taxes, Interest and Costs due on the 1st day of January, 1904, in respect of the 1st day of January, 1904.	Amount of Taxes, Interest and Costs due on the 1st day of January, 1904, in respect of the 1st day of January, 1904.	Amount of Taxes, Interest and Costs due on the 1st day of January, 1904, in respect of the 1st day of January, 1904.
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889	10	10	P. R. Brown	P. R. Brown	25 10	3 40	4 75	20 95	
1211	28	28	L. & Mrs. Ada Lombard	Ada Lombard	50 40	5 08	9 07	36 25	
1350	30	30	L. & P. Ferrall	Patrick Ferrall	18 00	3 04	3 40	11 56	
1351	30	30	L. & P. Ferrall	Patrick Ferrall	25 20	3 54	4 53	21 13	
11	11	11	L. & T. P. & Mrs. Patten	Elizabeth Watkins	16 80	2 82	3 02	10 95	
3 of a	40-50A.C.	Fairfield F. Es.	L. & J. A. & J. Douglas	James Douglas	5 25	1 80	1 85	8 83	
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2	23	19	L. & Geo. H. Maynard	Geo. H. Maynard	4 20	1 75	1 75	6 70	
48	12 & 18	Fernwood	L. & Joseph Greer	Ellen Jane Greer	4 78	2 81	3 01	4 58	
10	12 & 18	Fernwood	L. & Peter Robinson	Charles F. Mackenzie	2 52	1 03	1 03	4 58	
1	33 & 64	Fernwood	L. & Mrs. F. Adams	Fred Adams, Jr.	5 25	1 80	1 85	8 83	
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At the present time there is in the savings banks and at the disposal of other financial institutions a considerable amount of money which could be so invested. Paying only 3 per cent. interest this money is subject to a tax of 1 per cent. as personal property, thus reducing the interest derived to 2 per cent. This invested in the government debentures would be free of taxation.

There is a demand that the general public with small amounts to invest should be given the benefits which may flow from the borrowing of the money.

When the bill was introduced the House an amendment was introduced by R. L. Drury to require that the debentures should be disposed of by competition. The Minister of Finance, however, admitted that this would really take place, and the amendment was dropped.

A MAN HATES HIMSELF

When he wakes up with headache and bad taste in the mouth, something is needed to settle the stomach, clear away the dull heavy feeling and create a little appetite. Just get a tumbler of water, some sugar, and pour in a stiff dose of **Nerviline**. You'll pick up immediately and feel top-top in a few minutes. Nerviline has an equal for a condition of this kind. It stimulates, cures headache, aches, relieves the sick feeling and fits you for a hard day's work. Try Nerviline. Large bottles cost 25c.

Dr. J. B. Washburn, of Bensenville, Ind., is dead at a private hospital at Valparaiso, Ind., as the result of a curious murder made during an operation performed two years ago. He had complained of his side ever since the operation. Dr. Loring, operating on Dr. Washburn, was amazed to discover in the patient's side, near the liver, a hole as large as five and three-fourths inches in length. The doctors had the hole sutured. Dr. Washburn died a few hours after the operation.

Rev. Wm. C. Windel, Presbyterian, aged 82, is dead at Toronto, aged 82.

Miss Walter Miller, of Houston, while under the influence of chloroform at Smith's Park, Ont., having twice expired, died suddenly on Saturday.

E. J. WALL.

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Fresh Morgan Eastern Oysters always on hand.

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J. A. Shanks, Prop.

NARROW ESCAPE OF

A KITKATLAH BRAVE

Fellow Tribesmen Nearly Killed Him Because They Suspected Him of Practicing Sorcery.

There has been some trouble among the Indians at Kitkatlah, a village about 30 miles from Port Essington, during the past few weeks. It was caused by the persecution of an Indian known as Daniel Watoboo, by his fellow tribesmen, who suspected him of practicing sorcery. The story was circulated through the village, and the feeling against Watoboo grew to such an extent that members of the Indian council decided to take the law into their own hands. The supposed sorcerer was, therefore, arrested and placed in a cell, where he lived for about five days on nothing but a stray biscuit and an occasional glass of water. Every day members of the council came asking him to make a full confession. His continued refusal angered them, and they began to use threats. As Watoboo still persisted that he had nothing to confess, his death was decided upon, but the method was disputed. Some were in favor of hanging and others of drowning. While this question was under discussion news of the occurrence had been carried to the authorities at Essington. Steps were immediately taken to rescue the unfortunate Indian by the Indian agent, Mr. Mara. A party of specialists set off for the village, which was reached in time to save Watoboo. Members of the Indian council and several others implicated were arrested and taken to Essington for trial. The case came up before W. R. Lord, stipendiary magistrate, and the Indians were fined in all about \$850, and bound over to keep the peace. They have been allowed to return to their village, but a new council is being selected.

R. Cunningham, who arrived from Port Essington by the steamer Tees, says that in the evidence the origin of the charge of sorcery against Daniel Watoboo was brought to light. The cause of all the trouble, it appears, was the discovery of a ball of fat bound with hair and pierced with fish bones in Watoboo's shoe. The letter explained that this was a charm which he hoped would bring him the love of a certain Indian girl.

PERSONAL.

A. C. Sparrow, of Calgary; R. Cunningham, of Port Essington; A. P. Yates, of Nanaimo; and Frank G. Benson, of Everett, are in the city. They are at the Vernon.

Mrs. S. M. McLaughlin, president of the World Publishing Co. of Vancouver, is in the city. She is attending the meeting of the National Council of Women.

John Fitzgerald, of San Francisco; C. H. Hewett, A. J. Kappela, of Vancouver; and John Perkins, of Quebec, are among those registered at the Vernon.

G. A. Wey, G. H. Dickson and H. M. Burritt, of Vancouver, and J. W. Devlin, of Golden, are in the city, guests at the Grand hotel.

R. E. Gossell, P. M. Rattenbury, H. M. Burns, D. E. Campbell and Capt. Gaudin, were among the arrivals from Vancouver yesterday.

C. A. Parr, of New York; J. W. Peck, of Seattle; and P. M. Dwyer, of Vancouver, are guests at the Victoria hotel.

S. Nichol and Capt. Collier were among the passengers from Vancouver by the steamer *Chancellor* on Saturday.

F. G. Lucas, A. M. Harper and Robt. B. Pakes, all of Vancouver, are at the Dominion.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

The announcement is made at Brussels that rich gold beds have been discovered in Congo state.

The remains of Herbert Spencer have been cremated at Hampstead, near London, a few invited guests attending the closing rites. An Indian gentleman, who was present, offered to donate \$5,000 to endow a Spencer lectureship at Oxford University.

A meeting of Wexford men has been held at the Mansion House, Dublin, for the purpose of taking steps to promote the erection of a national monument on Vinegar Hill, Enniscorthy, in memory of the rebellion of 1798. John Edmund, who was president, suggested that an appeal be made to Irishmen in America for funds in aid of the project.

The London Daily Mail announces that successful experiments have been made with a system of recording conversations over the telephone by a combination of telephone and phonograph. The system is the invention of Mr. Charles Lee, English electrician, formerly one of Thomas Edison's assistants.

COMMUNICATIONS.

GAME LAWS.

To the Editor:—I wrote a letter last week appealing to the members of the farming class for support of the proposed game license. With your leave I will now appeal to another class of persons, those who are not occupiers of farms, and who reside, most of them, in or near the towns—merchants, storekeepers, mechanics, laborers, etc. I myself have shot and fished ever since I could carry a gun or a rod, and can sympathize most fully with each and every one of these people who desire to enjoy fair sport in their hours of leisure, few and far between with many of them. Now they are generally dependent for their sport on the kindness of property owners, from whom they have (or ought to have) obtained leave, and of course upon a full stock of game being maintained. Unless some change is made in the state of affairs here, they need not count much longer upon either of these conditions. The farmers find feed and harborage for the game; they have to bear the damage done by it to their crops, and landless sportsmen depend on their indulgence for leave to enter on their land. The stock of game depends of course very much on the legal protection which it receives in the enforcement of close seasons, trespass laws, prosecution of offenders, and upon the farmers being reasonably protected in their rights.

To carry out these objects money is required for purposes too numerous to mention, and the game license, small as it is, will help to provide protection of the game which provides sport for those in question, as well as for others. The license has other uses. It affords identification, as the holder has always to produce it to officers, or to occupiers, of land, etc.

No license-holder can plead ignorance, as the close seasons appear on his license. Gross offence, or abuse, or refusal to produce license entails forfeiture. There are other reasons, but I must not trespass too far on your space.

I would now ask those to whom this appeal is made, is it too much to ask them to pay a license fee of \$2 towards a fund to be raised for the purpose of providing and maintaining the sport which they love so well? There are many abuses to be put down with regard to slaughter for sale, export, etc., but there is one which applies most nearly to those to whom I write. There are some among them who appear to be void of either sense of shame or common decency. They enter on men's lands without asking leave, or do damage to crops and fences, and by neglecting to close gates; they use their guns with too little care as to injure live stock in the line of fire, and when they are challenged for these acts by the owners, they give every sort of abuse, and even in some cases use threats. Our committee is aware of two cases, at least, in which occupiers were on their own land, threatened and gun pointed at them.

Now, sir, I am quite certain that the people who commit these abuses are only a very small minority of the class, rich or poor, to whom I write, and that the great majority would condemn their acts as heinous as I do. But these are absolute facts, and if they are allowed to continue will cause the farmers to consider the game a curse instead of an advantage.

Our object in framing the proposed bill has been to stop abuses and afford protection, without hardship to the legitimate rights of any person or class, and I appeal to those to whom I write not to oppose but to support the game license and as many of the provisions of the proposed act as they can, consistently of course with their own private opinions, to hold which I admit their right as freely as I would defend my own.

EDWARD MUSGRAVE,
Victoria, Dec. 12th, 1903.

WORTHY OF REMEMBRANCE.

To the Editor:—Christmas with all the old associations of good will and kindness to our fellow-men is close at hand, and I would like to draw the attention of the generous public of Victoria to those for whom no gifts are provided, nor well known friends near to wish a "Happy Christmas." The inmates of the Marine hospital are few this year, so a very small sum would give them something either to amuse or to add to their comfort. A few chairs in which a sick man could rest without being obliged to sit perfectly upright, or a couple of small tables, no matter how plain, which could be moved to the bedside of the patient, a few games to occupy the convalescent, and relieve the long evenings of monotony; a warm garment or two would materially add to the few comforts with which a benevolent government has so liberally furnished this institution; indeed it seems as though the "poorers that be" were afraid the sick and poor men would turn callous and want to lighten indignantly their stay. If so, they have succeeded admirably in carrying out their intentions, for they have combined the minimum of furniture with the maximum of space. Books, pictures, etc., would I am sure be gladly received by the steward for his patients. Last Christmas some of our leading wholesale merchants sent a very handsome contribution of tables for the hospital, which was highly appreciated. So I do not ask for assistance for the inner man, as I feel sure the generous gifts will be repeated this year. May their shadows never grow less, and may we all enjoy our festive times the more for a small act of self-denial in order to help those who are sick, helpless, and far from their homes.

M. W.
Victoria, B. C., December 14th, 1903.

FELL INTO DISUSED MINE.

Man Engulfed While Walking Along Street of a Staffordshire Town.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 14.—There is consternation in the town of Hemley, in Staffordshire. A man, while walking through a street yesterday, suddenly sank through the footway into the earth, and was engulfed in a coal mine long since disused. All attempts to rescue him were fruitless, owing to poisonous gases. A funeral service was held today near the spot where the man sank. It was attended by the mayor and the members of the corporation. The town council is now faced with the problem of how to deal with the disused coal pits which undermine the district.

NEW POLICE MAGISTRATE.

A. Williams, Esq., M. P., Succeeds J. A. Russell of Vancouver.

(Special to the Times.)

Vancouver, Dec. 14.—The city clerk and Adolphus Williams, Esq., M. P., have been notified of the latter's appointment as police magistrate for Vancouver in the place of J. A. Russell, who has occupied the office for eight years. The cancellation is also made by the government of the appointment of F. R. McD. Russell, who occasionally presided in his brother's place. Mr. Russell got \$1,800 a year; the new appointee gets \$1,000. Mr. Williams left this morning for California. Stipendiary Magistrate Alexander will act for five weeks till his return.

THEIR SCHEME FAILED.

Friends of Dead Man Made Unsuccessful Effort to Secure Official Who Did Shooting.

(Associated Press.)

Brazil, Dec. 14.—An unsuccessful effort has been made to take the town marshal from the jail here for the purpose, it is believed, of lynching him. Harmon, while trying to quell a riot on Thursday night, accidentally shot Dennis McCann, a miner of Darlington. McCann died on Friday. Harmon voluntarily surrendered to the authorities here. Last night four Darlington men arrived at the jail and represented themselves as officers come to take Harmon to Rockville for trial. Harmon recognized them as friends of McCann, who had sworn to take his life, and the sheriff refused to give him up. The men returned to Darlington, wrecked the home of his son, Sleigh Harmon, and drove his family into the street. They have not been arrested. Harmon was taken to Rockville and placed in jail there.

NOT YET COMPLETE.

Japanese Minister in London Says Negotiations With Russia Have Not Been Finished.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 14.—The terms of Russia's reply to Japan have been communicated to the Japanese minister here, Baron Hayashi, by the government at Tokio. The minister subsequently said the negotiations were still incomplete, but he significantly added that he saw no reason to change his previously expressed opinion that a peaceful issue would result therefrom.

Japs Kill Rifles.

Seoul, Dec. 14.—The Japanese landed marines at Mokpo yesterday to suppress rioting during a strike among laborers. It is reported that they fired upon the mob, killing several people. The strike was among Korean coolies employed in the foreign concession, which precipitated clashes among the Koreans and Japanese. The affair is thought may cause local complications, and it is possible Russia may send a warship should the Korean government resent the landing of marines by Japan.

TIDE TABLE.

Victoria, B. C., December, 1903.
(Issued by the tidal survey branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, Ottawa.)

Date.	Time.	Height.	Time.	Height.	Time.	Height.
1	11.55	6.5	11.55	11.55	11.55	6.5
2	11.54	6.5	11.54	11.54	11.54	6.5
3	11.53	6.5	11.53	11.53	11.53	6.5
4	11.52	6.5	11.52	11.52	11.52	6.5
5	11.51	6.5	11.51	11.51	11.51	6.5
6	11.50	6.5	11.50	11.50	11.50	6.5
7	11.49	6.5	11.49	11.49	11.49	6.5
8	11.48	6.5	11.48	11.48	11.48	6.5
9	11.47	6.5	11.47	11.47	11.47	6.5
10	11.46	6.5	11.46	11.46	11.46	6.5
11	11.45	6.5	11.45	11.45	11.45	6.5
12	11.44	6.5	11.44	11.44	11.44	6.5
13	11.43	6.5	11.43	11.43	11.43	6.5
14	11.42	6.5	11.42	11.42	11.42	6.5
15	11.41	6.5	11.41	11.41	11.41	6.5
16	11.40	6.5	11.40	11.40	11.40	6.5
17	11.39	6.5	11.39	11.39	11.39	6.5
18	11.38	6.5	11.38	11.38	11.38	6.5
19	11.37	6.5	11.37	11.37	11.37	6.5
20	11.36	6.5	11.36	11.36	11.36	6.5
21	11.35	6.5	11.35	11.35	11.35	6.5
22	11.34	6.5	11.34	11.34	11.34	6.5
23	11.33	6.5	11.33	11.33	11.33	6.5
24	11.32	6.5	11.32	11.32	11.32	6.5
25	11.31	6.5	11.31	11.31	11.31	6.5
26	11.30	6.5	11.30	11.30	11.30	6.5
27	11.29	6.5	11.29	11.29	11.29	6.5
28	11.28	6.5	11.28	11.28	11.28	6.5
29	11.27	6.5	11.27	11.27	11.27	6.5
30	11.26	6.5	11.26	11.26	11.26	6.5
31	11.25	6.5	11.25	11.25	11.25	6.5

Zero of above heights corresponds to 11 feet in the fairway of Victoria harbor. The time used is Pacific standard for the 120 Meridian west, it is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot. For time of high water add 14 minutes to H. W. at Victoria.

The Owen Sound, Ont., grand jury has acquitted Mrs. William Roy, who was charged with throwing carbolic acid in the face of Emma Boyce in August last. The defense claimed on oath, the lady claiming that her mother was at home at the time the acid was thrown.

Three Hot Drinks: Tomato Bracer, Oam Cocktails, K. P. C. Wine. Try them.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

WANTED—Furnished house, to good local. Address "H. G.," Times Office.

WANTED—Good piano, state lowest price for cash. Address H. K., this office.

WANTED—At the I. X. L. Second-Hand Store, No. 8 Store street, next to E. & S. station, furniture, stoves, clothing, tools, jewelry, etc., etc. We buy job lots in any line. Best prices paid.

WANTED—A first-class pressage. Apply 136 Yates street, opposite Dominion Hotel.

WANTED—By first week in January, furnished cottage, near town, with 4 rooms and kitchen, bathroom and sewerage, for about 4 months. M. D. Williamson, 18 Richmond avenue, Phone 447.

FOR SALE—At a sacrifice, two lots and 6 roomed house, bath and pantry, electric light, close to car and churches and thoroughly well built, \$2,500. A. Toller, 35 Yates street, real estate agent.

TO C. P. M.—Will you communicate openly with J. A. W., who will pay well for information which will procure restitution?

LOST—On Sunday morning, between 81 John's church and corner of Fort and Vancouver streets, a pair of nickel plated framed eye-glasses. Anyone returning same to Oakden, Bartlett Ave., will be rewarded.

FOUND—On Yates street, a gold watch or stick pin. Owner can have same at Times Office.

DIED.

FRASER—At Vancouver, on Dec. 11th, William H. M. Fraser, aged 70 years.

SEDDON'S PROTEST.

Calls Attention to Case of New Zealand Who Was Refused Landing in States.

(Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 14.—The correspondent of the Daily Mail at Wellington, New Zealand, says that Premier Seddon has drawn attention to the case of Harper, a New Zealand bank clerk, who was prevented by United States labor laws from landing at San Francisco. The correspondent adds the case has created great indignation, and Premier Seddon has declared such treatment will not be tolerated.

THE SECURITIES CASE.

Brief for United States Government Filed in the Supreme Court.

(Associated Press.)

Washington, Dec. 14.—The brief of the government in the case of the Northern Securities Company and others vs. the United States, an appeal from the decision of the Circuit court of the United States for the district of Minnesota, was filed in the United States Supreme court today. The document was prepared by Attorney General Knox and Assistant Attorney-General Day, and covers 180 printed pages. After stating that the bill in the case was originally brought to the government to restrain the violation of the anti-trust law by the Securities Company in the consolidation of the Northern Pacific and the Great Northern railways, and that the decision of the court below was favorable to the contention of the United States, the brief gives specification as to the reasons for the action.

FOOTBALL FATALITIES.

Incomplete Summary of Injuries Sustained in the States the Present Season.

As a result of injuries sustained by players in football teams this season, several of the minor schools and colleges in various part of the country have forbidden the playing of football by students. In two towns the authorities have put a ban on the game. In Columbus, Junction, Pa., the teams in the town have been disbanded by the town authorities, as the result of petitions by the players' parents. In Greenfield, Ohio, action was taken by the council, and an ordinance passed prohibiting the game within the town limits.

Players Killed at Football.

Oct. 7—Gustav Becker, died of injuries received at Lake Forest, Sept. 21st.

Oct. 17—John Nelson, St. Paul, Minn., died from kick in head.

Oct. 19—Thornton Wheeler, of Auburn, Ill., died of injuries received three years ago.

Oct. 25—William F. Connolly died of internal injuries received in practice game at Elmira, N. Y., on Oct. 22nd.

Players Injured This Season.

Oct. 2—Bertha, left guard on Wisconsin team, knee cut open. Bush, right end, tendon of right shoulder torn. Jack Owsley, of Yale, knee sprained.

Oct. 5—Andrew Marshall, right guard of Harvard, knee twisted. Robinson, of Harvard, neck twisted.

Oct. 7—Irwin Church, Lawrence University, kicked in head.

Oct. 10—Perry, left tackle on Chicago team, arm twisted out of joint. Schacht, right tackle of Minneapolis, two ribs fractured.